

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THEIR CELEBRATION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Community Christian Church on their 100th anniversary. The church, located in Fort Worth, Texas, will be hosting centennial services on October 11, 2009.

Community Christian Church was founded in 1909 by the Reverend William M. Alphin, who held services before a 40-person congregation on the rented second floor of the local Masonic Hall. The Christian Church denomination today maintains a membership of nearly 700,000 across North America.

Through a commitment to service and fellowship, Community Christian Church continues to enrich the community of Fort Worth as well as the surrounding areas. The church has expanded and grown over time, acquiring their proud home on East Vickery St. in 1971. Under the leadership of current Pastor Rueben Thompson, the church remains committed to serving as a "bridge" between Christians of a diverse denominational background.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the Community Christian Church. They have demonstrated a level of commitment to community that is well appreciated, and it serves as an example for us all. It is a privilege to represent the congregation of Community Christian Church in the 26th District of Texas. I look forward to observing the positive impact they will continue to have on our communities at home and abroad.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL LAKIN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a true hero, Michael Lakin. Michael, a former student at Cascade Christian high school in Puyallup, Washington, and an Eagle Scout, saved his classmate Allen, a quadriplegic, from choking to death last November.

Madam Speaker, because of Allen's condition he was unable to draw attention to himself when he was choking while eating lunch with his mother, Cathy, and his friends at Cascade Christian. Thankfully, Michael noticed something wasn't right and sprang into action. He picked Allen out of his wheelchair and performed the Heimlich maneuver on him successfully, no doubt saving a precious young life.

Michael graduated from Cascade Christian this past summer and is now attending class-

es at a local community college. I thank him for his courageous actions, I thank him for his service and determination as an Eagle Scout and I wish him the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 735, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF CAROL WALTON, PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Carol Walton, the outgoing President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (LADVFA).

Before her role as President of LADVFA, President Walton previously served as the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Company and the New Castle County Firefighters Association.

The LADVFA has grown significantly since its inception in 1937. Today, as a result of the leadership and hard work of President Walton and others before her, there are 56 auxiliaries in the State Association—19 from New Castle County, 17 from Kent County, and 20 from Sussex County. Nevertheless, the State Auxiliaries have contributed to the community with the same dedication since the very beginning. The LADVFA provides resources and assistance to burn centers, so-called "burned out families," and scholarship funds for firefighters. They also assist each of their communities with many other worthy causes.

When called to action during alarms, LADVFA assist the firemen by serving meals or snacks while the companies are fighting fires or assisting with another emergency. The service they provide both the fireman and the community are invaluable.

The LADVFA serve such an important function in our community, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. President Walton has been exactly that over the past year and the State of Delaware and our nation are greatly indebted to her for all of her past and future hard work.

A TRIBUTE TO CARMICHAEL, CALIFORNIA ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carmichael, California, in honor of its 100th anniversary on September 26, 2009.

In 1909, Daniel Webster Carmichael bought 6½ square miles of land in a part of unpopulated Sacramento County—land that would grow to over 10 square miles and be known as Carmichael. It is said that he initially bought this remote mass of territory for \$30 per acre, with the intent to populate the area by selling 10-acre lots to American families moving west. Drawn by the lure of building citrus orchard fortunes, these divisions quickly sold. Three hundred families lived in Carmichael by 1927, and the population hit 2,000 by the time of the Great Depression.

In the ensuing decades, wheat, barley, alfalfa, peaches, and almonds were being grown interspersed with horse and poultry farms. Farmers have found success in good times and have battled through the tough ones, and have increasingly been sharing the community with an expanding suburban area. Once a collection of open properties, Carmichael now quarters businesses and families in addition to the traditional farm and occasional horse property.

Carmichael continues to be attractive to people from all walks of life because of its peaceful, family oriented community lifestyle—setting Carmichael in stark contrast to the more populous areas of Sacramento County. Although very close to a major metropolitan area, Carmichael boasts roaming wildlife such as deer, coyote, and wild turkey. The American River flowing through Carmichael accentuates the serenity and beauty of the region. Although many of the original 10-acre lots have been subdivided over the years, some still remain as a reminder of its rural and agricultural past.

Over the past 100 years, Carmichael has also been home to other advancements. Governor Ronald Reagan built a State mansion on California Avenue. Mark Spitz and Debbie Meyer based their successful Olympic training in the local country club. Also, Carmichael is proud to have the world's largest geranium club, and the "Fourth of July Elks Parade" is the longest enduring Independence Day procession in Northern California.

Let me also say that one of the most admirable traits I find in Carmichael is the humble yet rich tradition and history it embraces.

Now, as Carmichael has grown to a population of 72,000, Carmichael continues its legacy as a home to traditional American life.

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IN HONOR OF CITY MANAGER
LARRY CUNNINGHAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the former City Manager Larry Cunningham for his years of service to the City of North Richland Hills and the North Texas region.

After a public service career that spans more than four decades, Larry Cunningham retired this year from his position as City Manager of North Richland Hills, which he has held since 1997. Prior to being appointed City Manager, he served as the North Richland Hills Finance Director, as well as City Manager in Lubbock, Texas.

During his tenure, City Manager Cunningham was known for his integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm. Under his leadership, North Richland Hills has remained financially stable and continued to grow, even during changes in the economy. The City's bond rating ranks it among the top 2 percent in the state and top 10 percent nationwide.

Larry Cunningham's service to the City includes a number of initiatives that improved the quality of life for the residents of North Richland Hills. Under his leadership, over 30 Parks and Recreation Facilities were constructed in the city. Mr. Cunningham also worked to improve public safety, enacting drainage improvements and flood control, upgrading Fire Department facilities, and supporting increased police patrol and crime prevention programs. He was also instrumental in the creation of the North Richland Hills' Art in Public Spaces Program, helping to create a distinctive community identity. Many of his projects will continue to develop long after Mr. Cunningham's retirement.

It is with great honor that I recognize City Manager Larry Cunningham for his years of hard work and dedication given to the citizens of North Richland Hills and North Texas. I am proud to represent him in Washington. His service sets a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will endure.

FEDERAL SPENDING

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, if federal spending is not reigned in—we will find it more and more difficult to avoid the looming financial crisis that lies ahead. Getting a handle on the out-of-control spending in Washington D.C. is my top priority. Families and businesses across the country are tightening their belts in these tough economic times, but Congress continues to spend like there is no tomorrow. For the sake of future generations, we have to restore a sense of fiscal responsibility to this town.

Over the August recess, the Congressional Budget Office, CBO, released an updated budget projection showing the federal government running deficits equal to \$8.7 trillion over the FY 2009–FY 2019 period.

The continued spending by this Congress is unacceptable and must be stopped. This is a path we should not have gone down; first it was the \$700 billion financial bailout, then the so-called \$787 billion stimulus. America's hardworking taxpayers deserve better—a Congress that is accountable and one that shows restraint.

During the debate on the FY 2010 Budget Resolution, I proposed a balanced budget. It was a first step in setting our nation's fiscal priorities and getting spending under control.

After the Congress adopted the budget resolution, I offered a modest next step by offering a series of "fiscal discipline amendments" to hold the line on runaway federal spending during the FY 2010 appropriations process. These amendments would force the government to live on last year's income.

Yesterday, I offered an amendment in the Rules Committee to the Continuing Resolution for FY 2010, in order to once again attempt to hold the line on spending by saving taxpayers \$84 billion. This amendment reflects our values. The American people are tired of this blank check and this bailout mentality that has got a hold of Washington. The people are sick of bailouts and rising deficits. And furthermore, they are tired of the piling debt that is crushing the future of our children and grandchildren.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. JORDAN OF OHIO

In section 101 (relating to rate for operations under CR)—

(1) insert "(a)" after the section designation; and

(2) insert at the end the following new subsections:

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), whenever the amount that would be made available under subsection (a) for a project or activity is greater than the amount that was made available for such project or activity in appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2008, the project or activity shall be continued at a rate for operations as provided in such Acts and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts.

(c) Whenever the amount that would be made available under subsection (a) for a project or activity covered by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010, or the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010 is less than the amount that would be made available for such project or activity by such appropriations Acts as passed by the House of Representatives, the project or activity shall be continued at a rate for operations as provided in such appropriations Acts, as passed by the House.

In section 106(3) (relating to period covered by CR), strike the specified date and insert "September 30, 2010".

**HONORING SENIOR SPECIAL
AGENT AND RETIRED LIEUTENANT
COLONEL KRAIG E.
HANKINS**

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Special Agent and retired Lieutenant Colonel Kraig E. Hankins, a resident of Ashland, Kentucky.

After more than thirty years of Federal service, Senior Special Agent Hankins is retiring

from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to accept the position of Operations Officer and Training Manager with the Tri-State Airport Authority in Huntington, West Virginia.

Senior Special Agent Hankins began his federal investigative career in Columbia, South Carolina, and has since held a number of positions both domestically and abroad.

He has served as a senior instructor and Chief of the Academy Operations Branch at the ATF National Academy in Glynco, Georgia. Senior Special Agent Hankins has also held positions in ATF Field Offices in New Hampshire, Guam, and most recently, in Ashland, Kentucky, where he worked with bomb squads and investigators throughout the Commonwealth as a Certified Explosives Specialist.

In 2008, Senior Special Agent Hankins retired from the USAF Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel after thirty-four years of service. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom as the Senior Designated Military Officer, Office for the Administrative Review of Detention of Enemy Combatants at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Senior Special Agent Hankins for his distinguished career and offer our thanks for his service and sacrifice. I wish him and his family all the best as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

IN MEMORY OF JEFFERY R.
"PUFF" ADAMS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of the death of Jeffery R. "Puff" Adams, Ray County's presiding commissioner.

Mr. Adams was born in Richmond, Missouri, in 1957. After graduating from Richmond High School, he became involved with many Richmond community activities. For example, he was a lifetime member of the Richmond All Sports Club. He also served on the Spartan Football Chain Gang for several years. Since 1990, he was responsible for painting the Spartan football field before every football game. Additionally, he was past president of the Richmond Little League Baseball program. He also coached several of Richmond's Parks and Recreation girls' softball teams. In 2008, Jeff was named the grand marshal of the Richmond Spartan Homecoming Parade. He was a loyal alumni and lifetime supporter of the Richmond sports community.

In addition to his involvement with Richmond athletics, Mr. Adams served in a variety of community roles. He served on the Mid-America Regional Council for Presiding Commissioners Board, Ray County's 911 Board, Ray County's Rural Fire Department Board, and Ray County's Planning and Zoning Board. He was past president and served on the Shirkey Golf Club Board, and was very active on the Club House Building Association. Jeff was co-owner of Adams and Howell Floor Covering in Richmond.

Madam Speaker, Jeffery Adams was a respected leader in the Richmond community. I

am certain that the members of the House will join me in extending their heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

REMEMBERING JIM BRADSHAW

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember former Forth Worth City Councilman Jim Bradshaw, who helped to positively shape his community by serving its citizens.

Mr. Bradshaw graduated from Baylor University and soon after began his career in North Texas. He was elected Mayor Pro Tem by the city council, serving beside Hugh Parmer in 1977. Mr. Bradshaw resigned from the city council to challenge House Majority Leader Jim Wright, who remembered Bradshaw as being tough competition. Bradshaw also ran against Tom Vandergriff for the 26th District seat in the House of Representatives. He was not successful in the bid, but it did not deter him from continuing in public service.

Mr. Bradshaw's service to his community went far beyond his time spent on the city council. He sat on advisory boards for the Recovery Resource Council and the Betty Ford Center. Bradshaw's own experiences led him to help others battle addiction, and in 2005 President George W. Bush awarded him The President's Call to Service Award. Mr. Bradshaw also served on the board of the United Way, March of Dimes, and was the recipient of Bank of America's Local Hero Award for Neighborhood Excellence in 2006.

It is with great honor that I remember Mr. Jim Bradshaw for his tenacity in public service as well as his strong commitment to his community. We will always remember the example he set, and he will be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING SOUTH TEXAS ACADEMIC RISING SCHOLARS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of the South Texas Academic Rising Scholars (STARS) organization. This nonprofit organization has been critical in helping local students obtain higher education at schools of their choosing.

The South Texas Academic Rising Scholars was established in October 2002, with the goal of making higher education accessible to the students of south Texas.

Higher education is the gateway to advancing one's future. As one of eight children born to migrant parents in the border town of Laredo, Texas, I value the significance education has in our lives. There's no doubt that my education has charted the course of my public service career. As a Hispanic-American, education helped me defy odds which still exist for millions of minorities today.

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month we should recognize the role higher education

plays in progressing minority communities and dissolving the disparities. With education comes opportunity; it's an undeniable equation that makes a difference in people's lives.

The STARS Student Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to qualified students of south Texas annually and partners with area colleges and universities to better serve the students of south Texas. To this day, STARS has been able to award thousands of scholarships to south Texas students. I join the organization in the belief that education is essential to the growth and enhancement of our community.

The success of STARS is not only due to those managing the program, but also in large part due to generous individuals, businesses, and organizations that support the organization. I am proud to say that 100 percent of every dollar contributed by sponsors goes toward student scholarships. The board of directors is comprised of a diverse group of community leaders dedicated to helping south Texas students achieve higher education.

This truly is a grassroots effort that has given thousands students in south Texas opportunities that wouldn't have existed otherwise.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize the goals and endeavors of the South Texas Academic Rising Scholars.

IN HONOR OF VERNON J. BRYANT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and constituent, Mr. Vernon J. Bryant, for nearly 30 years of public service to the people of the State of North Carolina in the Department of Correction.

Since joining the North Carolina Division of Community Corrections in 1981, Mr. Bryant has steadily advanced in his responsibilities. He currently serves in the Probation/Parole division of the Department of Correction as District Manager of District 6A where he manages about 30 corrections staff. Vernon Bryant began his career as a Court Intake Officer and performed admirably over the next 19 years as Probation and Patrol Officer, Intensive Officer and as Chief Probation and Parole Officer. It was in these capacities that I became most acquainted with Mr. Bryant while I served as a Superior Court Judge presiding over the Courts of District 6A. Mr. Bryant interacted with me on a daily basis and I came to believe that he is one of the finest corrections officials in North Carolina. He is a true professional.

Madam Speaker, the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives appointed Vernon Bryant to the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, which is responsible for the issuance, suspension, and revocation of law enforcement and criminal justice officers' certification. He has also served as a member of the North Carolina Probation and Parole Association and Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board for Halifax County.

In addition to his work at the North Carolina Division of Community Corrections, Mr. Bryant

provides community service through Church, boards, commissions and other activities. He is a member and Chairman of the Roanoke Rapids Board of Education. He was first appointed to the Board of Education 1997 and has served as Chairman of the board since 1999. Mr. Bryant also serves as a volunteer youth coach for basketball and soccer, serves on the Halifax Regional Medical Center Board of Directors as Vice Chairman, and is Board Chairman for the State Employee's Credit Union Advisory Board.

Vernon Bryant is a devout Christian and demonstrates his values and beliefs in every aspect of his life. He serves as a member of the Roanoke Rapids Recreation Department Advisory Board and is president and co-founder of Exodus of Youth, Inc., a volunteer nonprofit organization that mentors 75 at-risk youth in four northeastern North Carolina counties. Mr. Bryant continues to give countless hours to bettering his community and there is no doubt that he will continue his community service following his well deserved retirement.

Vernon Bryant is married to Sandra W. Bryant and is the father of two adult children, Kendel and Kevin, who are also distinguishing themselves with their educational pursuits.

Madam Speaker, on Monday, September 28, 2009, friends and colleagues will join together to celebrate Vernon Bryant's three decades of exemplary service to the people of Halifax County and the State of North Carolina.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Vernon Bryant much success in his retirement and thank him for all his years of outstanding public service.

RECOGNIZING RICK SCHEWE, LABOR MAN OF THE YEAR FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rick Schewe and congratulating him on being named the "George R. Badgley Labor Man of the Year" for the Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council.

Rick Schewe comes from a union family. In fact, his father was honored with this same award in 1978. Upon joining the Laborers Union in 1973, Rick quickly assumed a leadership role within his local. He served as Secretary-Treasurer for 29 years, assistant business manager for nine years and business manager for 13 years. Rick has represented his local at seven International Conventions and currently is president of the Twelve Counties Southwestern Illinois Laborers District Council.

In addition to his many activities and responsibilities in representing the working men and women of our area, Rick has found time to volunteer within his community, including organizing blood drives and volunteering for the Salvation Army fund-raising campaign.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Rick Schewe, a true champion of organized labor.

CONGRATULATING NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE ON THEIR 85TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate North Central Texas College on their 85th year of providing quality education. NCTC will be hosting an anniversary celebration on September 25, 2009.

North Central Texas College, originally Gainesville Junior College, was created when Randolph Lee Clark received authorization from the Gainesville City Council to create the college as part of the Gainesville school system on May 20, 1924.

By the 1950s the college had outgrown its original location in the old Newsome-Daugherty mansion and moved to a new location thanks to the support of citizens like W.T. Bonner, who not only voiced support for funding of the new campus but also donated land. The college eventually changed its name to Cooke County College and then, on June 1, 1994, the Board of Regents voted for the current name, North Central Texas College.

NCTC has seen steady enrollment increases over the years. Since 1980, the student population has nearly quadrupled to a current total of more than 6,000 students. With the addition of campuses in Corinth, Bowie and Graham, the institution has positioned itself as a key provider of quality workforce education and training in areas such as nursing, law enforcement, agriculture, and computer sciences. The college also provides a foundation of academics to propel students to higher degrees.

The college is home to the Small Business Development Center which offers assistance and training to owners, managers and employees of area businesses. The Bowie campus houses the Oil and Gas Technology Center to help meet the technological demands of the energy industry. And with the new addition of the Career and Technology Center, students will be trained to rapidly adapt to ever changing industry needs.

This all gives North Central Texas College a significant role in the economic development of Cooke County and the North Texas region.

I am honored to represent North Central Texas College as part of the 26th District and I congratulate Dr. Eddie Hadlock, the faculty and students as they celebrate their 85th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 728, 730, 731, 732, and 733, I was absent from the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on all.

HONORING COLE PELLETER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cole Pelletier, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 66, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cole Pelletier has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cole Pelletier has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cole Pelletier for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING A SALUTE TO VETERANS AT ST. RICHARD PARISH

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Richard Parish in Chicago, Illinois. Saint Richard Parish is hosting its tenth annual Salute to Veterans on Sunday, September 27, 2009.

This celebration, which honors all veterans living and deceased, was started ten years ago by a group of veterans led by Joseph Pierce, William Izquierdo, George Vescovi, and Daniel Costa. All members of the community have been invited to join in honoring the men and women who served our country in the past and those who continue to serve today.

Veterans groups and organizations from throughout the community will come together for this special celebration, which will include a Mass to be followed by a program honoring veterans. I look forward to the honor and privilege of participating in this event for our brave veterans.

Prior to the service, a special ceremony will be held in remembrance of all who have lost their lives in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including Pfc. Omar Torres, a member of the parish who was killed in Iraq in 2007.

I ask you to join me in honoring the members of St. Richard for their civic dedication and the veterans who will be celebrated for their incredible and selfless service to our nation.

IN HONOR OF WARREN JONES, PRESIDENT OF THE DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute

to Warren Jones, the outgoing President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (DVFA).

President Jones' career began at the Elsmere Fire Company, where he rose to the rank of Chief and President while serving the town. President Jones' distinguished career did not stop there, however; he then went on to become President of the New Castle County Firefighters Association, as well. After moving from New Castle County to Rehoboth Beach, he became an active member of the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company. His continued dedication to serving his community is an inspiration to all Delawareans.

This past January, President Jones had the honor of leading the DVFA contingent in the Inaugural Parade in Washington D.C. I commend President Jones on his exceptional career of service and dedication and I am glad that he had this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Firefighters fulfill a vital need in our society, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. President Jones has been exactly that over the past year, and the State of Delaware and our nation are greatly indebted to him for all of his hard work.

RECOGNIZING BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON COCA-COLA FACILITY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I want to applaud the Coca-Cola facility, located in Bellevue, Washington, for their remarkable efforts and leadership in sustainability and conservation.

In August, I toured this Coca-Cola facility in my district in order to see for myself the extraordinary environmental efforts going on there. In May, the facility was the recipient of the Business Generator Recycler of the Year Award, presented by the Washington State Recycling Association, after finishing 2008 with a recycling rate of 99.7 percent! The tour was impressive, to say the least, and I am so proud to represent such a great example of corporate responsibility and stewardship.

I also understand Coca-Cola is celebrating Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability in Action week in Bellevue soon and I hope CEO John Brock and his employees will enjoy their visit to the Eighth District of Washington. I know the Coca-Cola Corporation and their facility in Bellevue will continue to provide sound environmental leadership and I thank them for their earnest investment in sustainability, stewardship and conservation.

RECOGNIZING LAWRENCE J. JENNINGS, HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lawrence J. Jennings of Hernando County,

Florida. After 36 years of dedicated service to Hernando County, Larry will retire this fall.

Throughout his tenure, Larry has been a dedicated steward of Hernando County. He has involved himself in the creation of numerous growth management regulations and comprehensive planning strategies to accommodate the rapid growth in the county. His resume alone makes him worthy of this proclamation: He has held the positions of Planning and Zoning Administrator; Deputy Director of the Development Department; Planning Director; Assistant County Administrator for Growth and Development Services; and the Director of Growth and Development for Hernando County. He will retire as the Deputy County Administrator for Hernando County.

However, it is his genuine ability to work with both the public and business communities, and numerous Federal, State, and local officials, including myself, which has brought me to the floor today.

I worked with Larry from 1988 to 1990 when he was the Planning and Zoning Administrator and again from 1990 to 1992 when I was the County Commissioner. I always found him to be thorough, incredibly accurate and, despite his serious demeanor, he was quick to laugh at a good joke.

I wish him the very best of health and happiness in his retirement. However, I must take this opportunity to remind him that he is far too young to sit in a rocking chair.

COMMEMORATIVE CLASSIC FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY AND LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. WATT. Madam Speaker, on December 27, 1892 the first college football game between two historically black institutions of higher education was played in Salisbury, North Carolina. On October 3, 2009 the Livingstone College and Johnson C. Smith University football teams will extend this 117-year rivalry in the 2009 Commemorative Classic Football Game.

I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Livingstone College and Johnson C. Smith University as they prepare to participate in this historic game which is being held in my Congressional District.

Collegiate sports provide a backdrop for a multitude of life's lessons and a crucible in which many of society's leaders are shaped. To quote former Livingstone College president S.E. Duncan, "The claim that football engenders school spirit has seldom been challenged. For the stimulation of academic improvement, for its impact on the citizenship of our students and the outcomes of physical fitness, football comes increasingly to the attention for consideration . . . May we remember those who learned how to win and lose."

I wish continued success to Livingstone College and Johnson C. Smith University, and best of success in this year's game to Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, President of Livingstone College, and to Dr. Ronald Carter, President of Johnson C. Smith University. I am honored and privileged to represent these institutions

and their outstanding scholars-athletes in Congress.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAXMAN-HATCH ACT

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, twenty-five years ago, President Ronald Reagan signed the landmark Waxman-Hatch law, delivering generic drug competition to the American marketplace. Since that time, generic drugs have provided millions of American consumers with access to low-cost, yet safe and effective drugs. In the last decade alone, generics have saved consumers, businesses, and state and federal governments \$734 billion. American consumers fill more than six of every ten prescriptions with safe and effective generic medicines. During these difficult economic times, generic pharmaceuticals are critical to assuring that patients continue to have access to lifesaving medicines. Making sure that Americans have access to, and can afford, life-saving medicines has been one of my chief goals as a Member of Congress, and I am proud of the success of generic competition in helping achieve that goal.

Since passage of the Hatch-Waxman law, we have seen a shift in the pharmaceutical marketplace to permit greater competition and innovation—a win-win for purchasers and manufacturers alike. As a result, millions of Americans have access to safe and affordable generic medicines and our health care bill is much lower than it otherwise would have been. There is still much more we can do to increase savings from generic drugs. We should not only celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hatch-Waxman, but we should use it as motivation to ensure there is real generic competition for biotech medications. Let us show Americans that we understand that they deserve access to affordable medicine and give them a pathway that provides reasonable incentives for innovation, but does not pose unnecessary barriers to competition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 718, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN HONOR OF REBY CARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition Reby Cary, a man who has contributed extensively to the Fort Worth community. His life achievements are being celebrated this month by family and friends at New Rising Star Baptist Church.

Mr. Cary's life has been one of patriotism, service and achievement. After graduating from I. M. Terrell High School, he earned a B.A. in History and Political Science at Prairie View A&M University. He started the path to a higher degree, but would first answer the call to duty. While forced to endure the numerous social inequalities of the time, Mr. Cary served ably and honorably as one of the first African American Radiomen First Class in the Coast Guard, supporting combat operations in the Pacific Ocean aboard the U.S.S. *Cambria* during World War II.

Mr. Cary returned to complete his Master of Science degree at Prairie View A&M University in 1948. He later participated in graduate studies at Texas Christian University and North Texas State University. He would then go on to educate future generations as an instructor at Dunbar High School and as a professor at numerous institutions. He served as Dean of Personnel at McDonald College of Industrial Arts, and Associate Dean of Student Life and Director of Minority Affairs at the University of Texas in Arlington.

He also broke barriers in public service as the first African American on the Fort Worth ISD School Board, as well as serving as the Texas State Representative from District 95. Mr. Cary has also given back to his community through his service with many area organizations, including volunteering with the Boy Scouts, United Way, Rotary Club of Arlington, and President of the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce. And through all of this, he also found time to be an accomplished author.

He continues to have an impact on the community through his insight and advice. Mr. Cary has always been available to take my phone calls and he has been a rich source of information and history regarding Tarrant County and the City of Fort Worth. He has a unique ability to bring the correct historical context to some of the more contentious debates today. His commitment to the community has continued through his daughter, Faith Ellis' active political and community advocacy in issues such as infant mortality and support for medical research.

It is with great honor that I recognize Reby Cary as a man who has served the Fort Worth community for over a half century as someone dedicated to the education and advancement of all. His is a legacy of service to the City of Fort Worth, the State of Texas and this great Nation, and one that will endure. I am proud to represent him the U.S. House of Representatives.

OBSERVATION OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The observation of September as National Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 with the designation of Hispanic Heritage Week. It was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. Now, every year from September 15 to October 15, we proudly celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans whose

ancestry includes Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The founding of the United States of America was predicated on the idea that all men are created equal and that America would be a place where anyone could achieve and succeed. That success should know no boundaries.

This year's theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the role Hispanic Americans have played in making that dream a reality. Their strength and hard work, anchored by a deep love for family and country, has helped shape our society for the better.

I commend the proud history of all Hispanic Americans and ask that all Americans honor National Hispanic Heritage Month. The richness of Hispanic culture and the contributions of Hispanic Americans have made our country a better nation.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3221—the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009. This bill makes the single-largest investment in student aid in our nation's history and will increase opportunities for our workforce to expand their skills through community colleges. I would like to thank Chairman MILLER for working with me to include in the bill legislation that I offered to expand the mission of community college computer labs as a hub for training our nation's workers. Specifically the addition of Section 503 (f)(8) allows funds for community college reform to be used for the purpose of “providing information technology training for students and members of the public seeking to improve their computer literacy and information technology skills through public accessibility to community college computer labs and information technology training providing on weeknights and weekends by an employee of a community college who is capable of basic computer instruction.”

I am a strong supporter of our nation's community colleges and believe they represent an invaluable and untapped information hub within our communities. By participating in the program set forth by the bill and simply keeping their computer labs open to the public for 20 hours a week on weeknights and 10 hours a week on weekends, our community colleges would provide individuals the ability to gain the skills they need to move into a new job or advance in their current job. Further, to ensure that the time spent in the computer labs will help build those information technology skills, the community colleges should be required to have an instructor from the college present to provide basic computer instruction during those hours. Access to this instruction should also be free of charge and accessible to students and members of the public.

In order to provide this access to the computer labs my intent when drafting this language was to allow community colleges to access funds for the maintenance, administration and improvement of computer labs, which includes: staffing facilities; purchasing computer equipment, which includes hardware and software; maintaining, repairing, and replacing technology equipment; maintaining and securing facilities; and providing utilities for the facilities and computer equipment.

Once again, I thank Chairman MILLER for his hard work on this legislation and urge its passage.

IN HONOR OF KEVIN WILSON, IN-
COMING PRESIDENT OF THE
DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIRE-
MEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Kevin Wilson, the incoming President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (DVFA). President Wilson began his career at the Clayton Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, beginning as a junior member, and moving up to Chief before taking on leadership roles in Kent County and the State of Delaware.

President Wilson's life has been dedicated to protecting others. Along with his distinguished career in the Fire Service, President Wilson served with the Delaware State Police as a Trooper Medic. He is currently an investigator for the Delaware State Police's Sex Offender Division.

During the four decades that President Wilson has served his community, he has been recognized by his peers for heroic work. These honors include being named Clayton Fire Company Fireman of the Year in 2006 and co-winner of the State Fireman of the year in 1997.

I commend President Wilson on his exceptional career of tireless dedication and selflessness. DVFA is fortunate to have such a man filling this important role. I am confident that President Wilson's experience and leadership will help DVFA continue on the path of exceptional service for which they are known across our State.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF
MAUMEE VALLEY COUNTRY DAY
SCHOOL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 125th birthday celebration of Maumee Valley Country Day School in Toledo, Ohio. As noted in the school's history, “While the world has changed dramatically since the founding of our School in 1884, essential characteristics of our school have remained constant.”

Since its founding in 1884, Maumee Valley has seen itself as “a warm, family-centered,

comfortable environment that encourages passion and creativity in our exceptional student body.” The school is built on the foundation of a visionary board, supportive parents, and the dedication and commitment of our talented faculty and staff, and has never lost focus on its core purpose, to provide the best educational opportunities for its students.

Maumee Valley Country Day School's original school was on North Summit Street in downtown Toledo and known as the Smead School for Girls. The school soon moved to the Judge John Fitch Homestead in Toledo's Old West End. The current school's Smead building was completed in 1934. Beginning in the 1950s, the school saw increasing construction and expansion to its present day. Now in the 21st Century, Maumee Valley embarks on new transformations to further develop education in the new century.

Maumee Valley Country Day School's mission is “to enable students to become enlightened, compassionate and contributing citizens of our global community, while preparing graduates for their best opportunities in higher education.” Over three centuries, the school and its leadership, parents and students, have carried forth this mission. As they pause to mark this milestone 125th year celebration, I join the school families past and present in looking toward a bright future.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE WHITEMAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a brave American; Anne Whiteman. Anne was born September 5, 1956 to parents who met and married in Tübingen, Germany. Her father was born and raised in Germany and fought as a soldier in the German Army during WWII and was later held captive by the American Forces. During Anne's childhood, he recounted many fascinating stories that led to his love for America and his becoming a U.S. citizen.

Though Anne was born in Virginia she completed high school in Germany and worked at the American Consulate in Frankfurt. After college and various jobs she applied with the FAA in 1981 and was the first woman certified Air Traffic Controller to work at El Paso. In those days, pilots were not used to speaking with a female controller but she quickly earned their respect. She was selected for a position at DFW in 1984 where she started in the Tower but later moved downstairs to work in the Terminal Radar Approach Control, TRACON, radar room. Anne believes that her move to the TRACON gave her the best gift as it was there that she met her husband. No one thought they could survive working together every day but not only did they survive but they thrived. Anne was certified on all positions in February of 1986 and became the first female controller to certify at DFW TRACON.

Anne has worked many aircraft in distress and has assisted pilots as she grew in her knowledge of aircraft and skills. As a result, she was encouraged to bid on a supervisor's position and after much encouragement bid on a temporary supervisor detail and was selected for the 120 days in August 1985 and

became hers permanently and the rest is history.

While Anne Whiteman received numerous awards throughout her career and became recognized as a valued FAA team member, this all changed when the safety concerns she reported were compromised and covered up which led to her blowing the whistle. As a result, she was ostracized at the job she loved. During Anne's career, she has supervised or trained at least 30 air traffic controllers at the DFW Tower or in TRACON and was recognized by the Department of Transportation Inspector General who found her egregious reports were well-documented. Twice during a three-year period, these reports were submitted to the President. This reporting activity also led to her being awarded the Office of Special Counsel's 2005 Public Service Award and later sharing the Public Servant of the Year in 2008 for her contribution to air safety. She was also nominated for the 2006 Service to America medal while the reprisals continued along with her safety concerns. After some 30 years of service with the FAA, Anne Whiteman is no ordinary hero for she put her job and well-being on the line for what she believed was needed in order to protect the flying public.

As a Member of Congress it has been my honor to serve this valiant American who not only helped pave the way for women controllers but also serves as a courageous example in the protection of air travel and she did not flinch at such a great personal loss. This record serves to honor this service as she retires from the job she loves on September 3, 2009.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
ABBY FROMAN FOR WINNING
THE GIRLS DIVISION IV STATE
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Abby Froman showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and
Whereas, Abby Froman was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Abby Froman always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Abby Froman on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

IN MEMORY OF MR. JAMES H.
DONNEWALD OF BREESE, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a distinguished public servant, devoted husband and loving father.

James Donnewald, a man who spent his career serving the people of Illinois as a legislator and state treasurer, passed away September 18th, at the age of 84.

From an early age, Mr. Donnewald had a desire to serve his country. Before beginning his career as a lawmaker, he volunteered for military service in both World War II and the Korean War, but was honorably discharged due to a heart murmur.

After returning from the service, Mr. Donnewald attended St. Louis University and later Lincoln College of Law. In 1960, he was elected to the Illinois state House of Representatives, where he served two terms. After serving as a Representative, James Donnewald was elected to the state Senate in 1964. Throughout his distinguished tenure, he garnered the respect of his colleagues rising to the office of assistant Democratic leader and chairman of the Reapportionment Committee.

In 1982, Mr. Donnewald was elected to one term as Illinois State Treasurer. After his time in public office, he continued to serve our community through his law practice in Breese, IL.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Mr. Donnewald's daughter Jill, his sons Craig and Eric, his sisters Irene and Juanita and his five grandchildren. He was a respected member of his community and will be deeply missed.

**STUDENT AID AND FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009**

SPEECH OF

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes:

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Chair, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill including prohibitions on federal funds and other activities with respect to certain organizations. The intent of Congress with respect to those provisions is as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to cleanse federal contracting and grant-making, completely and permanently. The purpose is to put an end to the invidious practice of rewarding those who steal taxpayer money by giving them more taxpayer money. The bill imposes, and is intended to impose, a corporate death penalty on contractors who fall within the scope of its prohibitions. This is remedial legislation. The primary intention is not merely to penalize such organization, since other laws perform that function. Rather, the intention is to protect the Government and the taxpayers from losses in the future, and to deter misconduct on the part of federal fund recipients. The intention of deterrence, in particular, requires that these prohibitions be construed broadly, and enforced strictly.

By this bill, Congress intends to exercise the full extent of its Constitutional authority, both express and implied. This includes, but is not limited to, Congress's express authority under the Appropriations Clause of the Constitution.

Notwithstanding the heading on the part of the bill containing these provisions, it is not

Congress's intent that these prohibitions apply only to organizations that have been indicted. Rather, Congress intends that the prohibitions apply to all "covered organizations," as defined in the bill.

With respect to the prohibitions set forth in paragraph (a), Congress intends that these prohibitions be automatic and permanent. In this context, "automatic" means not subject to alleviation by administrative action. Regarding such prohibitions, Congress intends to substitute a "per se" rule in place of any rule requiring a balancing of factors, or exercise of discretion or judgment, to the full extent permitted for Congress by the U.S. Constitution. "Permanent" means lasting for the entire time that the organization remains in existence. If a principal, or principals, of a covered organization form(s) or attempt(s) to form a new organization, then that new organization may be deemed, through administrative action, to be a covered organization. "Principal" means an officer, a director, or an owner of at least five percent of the shares of a covered organization.

It is the intent of Congress that any organization seeking or receiving a federal contract, grant, cooperative agreement, any other form of agreement, federal funds, or promotion by a Federal employee or contractor shall certify, both when seeking and when receiving such a benefit, that the organization is not a covered organization as that term is defined in this bill. Any organization falsely making such a certification shall be deemed a covered organization (and, in fact, already is one), and shall be subject to prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 or any similar provision in the Criminal Code. Any individual making such a false certification on behalf of a covered organization shall be similarly liable. Congress strongly recommends to federal prosecutors that they execute their prosecutorial discretion in a manner that holds such organizations and individuals accountable, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Congress intends that all covered organizations be added to the "Excluded Parties" list maintained by the Federal Government, with a prescribed duration on that list of "permanent." Whenever the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) learns or has reason to believe that an organization is a covered organization, it shall be the duty of DOJ to apprise the debarring officials of all relevant federal agencies of such information. Congress intends that any person or organization shall have standing to request that any debarring official shall identify an organization as a covered organization, and add that organization to the "Excluded Parties" list. Congress also intends that the contention that any federal offeror or contractor is a covered organization is a contention that is a valid basis for a bid protest. Such a contention may be asserted at the Government Accountability Office, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and any other tribunal with bid protest authority.

The term "covered organization" includes parent companies, subsidiaries and subsidiaries of parent companies of a covered organization. Such affiliation is to be determined by legal ownership of at least 50%.

The term "organization" in paragraph (a) means only a covered organization. The enumerated prohibitions apply to covered organizations only.

In subparagraph (a)(1), the term "other form of agreement" includes, but is not limited to, the execution of contract options, the award of task orders, and any other form of action that establishes or increases the legal rights of any federal contractor or grantee.

In subparagraph (a)(2), the term “[n]o Federal funds in any other form may be provided” shall mean that all contracts and grants that have been awarded to a covered organization with a remaining duration of more than one year on the date of enactment shall, within that one-year period, be terminated for the convenience of the Government.

In subparagraph (b)(1) of the prohibitions, Congress recognizes that the denial of liberty or property on the basis of an indictment, without conviction, raises Constitutional due process issues. If it is determined that such denial is unconstitutional, or otherwise contrary to law, then it is the intent of Congress that subparagraph (b)(1) be held void, but that the remainder of the prohibitions remain intact and enforceable.

In subparagraph (b)(3) of the prohibitions, it is the intent of Congress that this subparagraph be construed expansively. The term “Federal or State regulatory agency” shall include any agency authorized by law to issue regulations, whether or not such regulations have been issued. For instance, the term includes, but is not limited to, the U.S. Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services, and Labor. The term “filed a fraudulent form” includes, but is not limited to, actions that would establish liability under 18 U.S.C. 1001 or 31 U.S.C. 3729. A conviction or judgment under these laws, or any similar law, is sufficient per se to establish that an organization is a covered organization.

The term “filed a fraudulent form” is derived in part from a report dated July 23, 2009 and issued by the Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Page five of that report discusses allegations, not resulting in a conviction or judgment, that “ACORN has submitted false filings to the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Labor.” The report states that: “All of these fraudulent acts would constitute a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1001 by presenting false documents to the United States government.” A fortiori, any acts that actually do (not merely “would”) constitute such a violation, or a violation of similar provisions such as those appearing in 31 U.S.C. 3729, as determined by a conviction or judgment, shall per se constitute the “fil[ing] of a fraudulent form” within the meaning of these prohibitions. As the Ranking Member’s report describes, however, the term “filed a fraudulent form” extends to all organizations that have filed such a form, whether or not such a filing has resulted in a conviction or judgment. The Ranking Member issued a statement yesterday, which said: “For far too long, recipients of federal dollars have been given free reign [sic] and some have acted in a reckless and cavalier way and whether it be ACORN or anyone else—abuse and fraud will not be tolerated.” He added, “frankly, I don’t know how anyone can successfully argue [that] those who actually perpetrate fraud and misuse taxpayer dollars should not be” subject to these prohibitions.

The term “form” is to be construed broadly. It includes all communications, in any form or format, which include any information required by law. For instance, a request for payment under a cost reimbursement contract that includes a statement of incurred costs is a “form” within the meaning of subparagraph (b)(3), because (among other reasons) such a statement is required by law. Whenever the Government finds that such a request is excessive, and reduces it, then this means that the form that was filed was fraudulent, unless the contractor possessed no information whatsoever that did allow or

should have allowed the contractor to know that the form was excessive. No proof of specific intent to defraud is required. It is the intent of Congress that the term “form” include, but not be limited to, the term “claim” under 18 U.S.C. 287, the terms “claim,” “record” and “statement” in 31 U.S.C. 3729, and the terms “statement,” “representation” and “entry” under 10 U.S.C. 1001.

In all administrative or judicial proceedings regarding whether a party has “filed a fraudulent form,” in cases based on a conviction or judgment, the inquiry shall be limited to whether there is any evidence in the record on which the finder of fact could have determined that the organization filed a fraudulent form. Under no circumstances shall the burden of proof be anything beyond “adequate evidence” in administrative proceedings, or “support by any evidence in the record” in judicial proceedings, when such judicial review of such administrative action is allowable at all.

It is the intent of Congress that administrative action to add an organization to the “Excluded Parties” list is ministerial. For that reason, and otherwise, such administrative action is committed to agency discretion under 5 U.S.C. 702(a)(1). In all judicial proceedings, it is the intent of Congress that the prohibitions apply to an organization that has been found to be a covered organization unless and until a final judgment has been entered in favor of the organization. Specifically, it is the intent of Congress that in determining whether the organization should be granted interim relief in such proceedings, the greatest weight be the public interest in having the Government issue contracts and grants only to organizations with unquestioned integrity.

It is the intention of Congress that the term “covered organization” apply to all organizations qualifying within the definitions of subparagraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4), without regard to when the acts establishing such qualification occurred. Specifically, it is not the intent of Congress that such acts be limited to acts following enactment of these prohibitions. If, for instance, an organization filed a fraudulent form with any Federal or State regulatory agency in 2006, that organization is a covered organization as of the date of enactment, and subject to all prohibitions from the date of enactment onward.

Regarding paragraph c, if it shall be ruled or held that this provision, or any other provision in these prohibitions, is a bill of attainder, or constitutionally infirm for any other reason, it is the intent of Congress that these prohibitions nevertheless apply to all covered organizations for which these prohibitions are not a bill of attainder, or constitutionally infirm.

Regarding paragraph (d) of the prohibitions, the revision of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) shall include the revisions set forth above, including but not limited to revision of Parts 3, 9, 15 and 33 of the FAR.

COMMENDING THE CLASS OF '59

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, Members of the House, I rise to commend an era that many Members of this body fondly remember.

It was the 1950s. This year, the last class of that era, students of the class of '59, celebrate their 50th high school reunions. I am one of those students, and I would like to submit for the record the thoughts of a classmate—Lucinda Lloyd—on those formative years. It was a historic and poignant time for all of us.

Carmel High School Class of '59. That was our identity.

After leaving Sunset School, we entered the hallowed halls of Carmel High School as timid Freshmen. Progressing through the awkward Sophomore stage, we survived being Juniors until we ruled the school as mighty Seniors.

Ours was an age of innocence and happy days, unbeaten athletic teams, and scholastic success. We rocked around the clock, danced cheek-to-cheek to Unchained Melody, hung out at Konrad's, wore Bass Weejuns or Spaulding oxfords, congregated at the Youth Center, cheered our teams to victory, occupied the Senior Steps and looked forward to years of accomplishment. After all, we were told that the world was ours, all we had to do was go for it.

Leaving Carmel behind to forge our paths in the Big World, we attended colleges and universities, went to MPC, joined the military or began another career. Or we got married and had children. Some of us got divorced, while other marriages survived. Some of us distinguished ourselves in careers and chosen fields of work. And some of us died.

Our common bonds of shared childhood experiences glued us together, more as cousins than classmates. Today we anticipate our 50th reunion with mature interest, warmed by the knowledge that we've softened the sharp edges that may have separated us, that we are more alike than different, that we can laugh at ourselves and with each other.

We've made it! We're adults with grown children who have children. We no longer care if our hair styles droop or frizz in the fog, that our loose clothing covers softened curves, or if we have a date for Saturday night. Accepting ourselves as we are has allowed us to accept everyone else, no matter what.

With warmth in our hearts, smiles on our faces and arms ready to hug, the Class of '59 reunites to remember old times, renew bonds of friendship and forge closer relationships for the coming years. The longer we live, the more we need one another.

Ours was a magic time in a magic place. It is with the perspective of age that we finally realize how lucky we were, how lucky we are. Let us give thanks and enjoy our time together. God bless America.

Go Padres! Forever friends, Class of '59.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on July 17, 2009, I inadvertently voted “nay” on final passage of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010. I should have voted “aye” as I strongly support the projects and programs funded through this important piece of legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO SAFETY CENTER
INCORPORATED, ON THEIR 75TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Safety Center Incorporated's 75th anniversary occurring on October 19, 2009, and in praise of their many contributions to the State of California. Safety Center Incorporated, originally established as the Sacramento Safety Council in 1934, was initially recognized by civic leaders "to combat (the) unprecedented wave of motor vehicle fatalities and injuries" in the Sacramento region. This was in reaction to the front page headline of the Sacramento Bee on October 8, 1934, which read, "Local auto deaths soar to 6."

Over the past 75 years, Safety Center Incorporated has expanded well beyond traffic safety programs and is now among the most respected providers of safety leadership and training throughout California and Nevada.

In just the past 5 years alone, SCI has trained 88,925 people amongst a diverse collection of programs. Children and developmentally disabled adults have been given tours of "Safetyville"—which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Teens have been taught defensive driving and have been given an education in alcohol and drugs. Enthusiasts of all ages have completed basic and experienced rider motorcycle courses. Professionals have been certified for first aid, CPR, forklift operations, work zone safety, commercial construction, and other courses designed to provide "training solutions that fit" for a diverse array of occupations.

Throughout their history, SCI has been a dependable partner to the public by providing the assistance needed with the changing times. When the Federal Government passed the "Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970" creating OSHA and authorizing the creation of the first mandatory safety standards for the nation—SCI was there to help lead the community in accountability and preparedness. When the State of California first mandated that drunken drivers attend remedial classes—SCI offered the first classes in the State to educate Californians.

Today, Safety Center Incorporated has locations throughout California. Along with the main campus in Sacramento, there are now campuses in Modesto, Citrus Heights, and Claremont.

I thank Safety Center Incorporated on behalf of my fellow Californians for the untold impact that they have had on the well-being of our home.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman KILPATRICK for introducing

this resolution honoring Howard University School of Law's 140-year legacy of social justice and commitment to training social engineers.

If it were not for the legal battles waged by and won by lawyers from the Howard University School of Law, it is very unlikely that neither the progress or individual accomplishments obtained would have reached the heights we enjoy today.

As the first law school dedicated to educating African Americans, the doors of Howard University School of Law opened in 1869. The school was created to meet the need to train African Americans in protecting their newly established rights granted by the 13th and 14th Amendments of the Constitution. During this first year, six students committed to legal activism met in the homes and offices of part-time faculty.

As the years progressed and the number of students and the number of faculty grew, the school's commitment to public service was unwavering.

The mission of this school is guided by the wise words of Charles Hamilton Houston, who is widely regarded as the "man who killed Jim Crow." He later went on to serve as the NAACP litigation director and Dean of Howard University School of Law. Charles Hamilton Houston once said, "A lawyer's either a social engineer or a parasite on society." These inspiring words have led many students to enroll in the law school because of their interest and devotion to public service.

This quote and many other quotes from African American leaders line the halls of the school to inspire students, professors, and visitors every day.

Indeed, the men and women who graduated from Howard University School of Law became early pioneers and changed the fabric of our Nation.

The law school served as a training ground for graduates such as Oliver Hill, Spottswood Robinson II, and Thurgood Marshall who all played important and influential roles in the Supreme Court case, *Brown v. Board of Education*. Thurgood Marshall was the lead litigator in *Brown*, where the Supreme Court ruled that the segregation of students in public schools ultimately led to unequal educational opportunities. This case, which was decided in 1954, led to the abolishment of racial segregation.

The very halls of this Congress are filled with Howard Law School alum who are dedicated to social change and public service.

Mariel Lim, an able and exceptional attorney who is a member of my staff, spent her most formative year of law school at Howard and applies the formidable skills she acquired there in the service of the residents of the 37th Congressional District of California and the Nation.

My Legislative Director, Gregory Berry, taught Torts, Legal Methods, Legal Writing 2, Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing to hundreds of students who graduated and became social engineers. During the 8 years he taught at Howard, Gregory coached Howard's acclaimed National Moot Court Team, which afforded students the opportunity to hone their writing and advocacy skills in intercollegiate competitions. Additionally, Gregory Berry was counsel of record on the amicus curiae brief he and two faculty colleagues submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Howard's

law students in the *Grutter v. Bollinger* case, which upheld affirmative action in law school admissions.

I am not the only Member who benefits from these dedicated graduates. There are numerous other Howard alumni serving the cause of justice here on the Hill.

I congratulate the Howard University on their 140th anniversary of its extraordinary law school.

I know our Nation will be well-served for years to come by its graduates who will continue to provide, "Leadership for America and the Global Community."

TRIBAL LEADER OF THE TACHI
YOKUT TRIBE, CHIEF CLARENCE
ATWELL, JR.

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the esteemed and cherished Tribal Leader of the Tachi Yokut Tribe, Chief Clarence Atwell, Jr., as he embarks upon his journey of retirement.

The Tachi Yokut Tribe, now 300 members strong, enjoys a rich California history, inhabiting the San Joaquin Valley for centuries. Chief Atwell has provided leadership, advice and spiritual guidance for his tribe and sister tribes across our great Nation for over 40 years.

Born in the early morning hours under a lone tree on the Rice Ranch, Clarence Atwell would grow to lead an extraordinary life. Raised by his grandmother on the reservation, Clarence spoke only his native language of Tachi. It was only when he began to attend school that he taught himself to learn and speak the English language. During his adolescent years, Clarence developed a strong passion for caring for the tribal elders. He would spend days hunting for food; sometimes walking several miles in order to bring the nourishment of rabbit, deer and fish to the elders. As he grew into a young man, his love of the land allowed him to work in the fields where he drove a tractor and worked from sunup to well beyond sundown each day.

Always strongly connected to his tribe, it was in his early 20s that he was first elected Tribal Chairman, a position he would hold for over 40 years. Under the powerful and wise Tribal Leadership of Chief Atwell, the Tachi Yokut Tribe has prospered. The members have grown into self-sufficiency and they have worked hard for many years to grow their Tachi Palace in Lemoore from a small gaming facility into one of the San Joaquin Valley's top destinations. Tribal members now have access to housing, a particularly significant accomplishment, the elders receive lunch each day and the members have dental and medical care.

Renowned for his spiritual as well as his political leadership, the Kings County of California acknowledges Chief Atwell as an official Spiritual Leader. He has been blessed to perform countless life-changing ceremonies including weddings, baptisms and funerals. Chief Atwell is a Bear Clan Leader for California, one of the highest native spiritual honors afforded to any individuals. The Bears

were part of the official inauguration ceremony of then California Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante where they performed in full regalia at the State's Capitol. Chief Atwell has met many political leaders, including having had the honor to talk with Vice President Al Gore and President Bill Clinton at the White House. Certainly known for his candor and forthrightness, though always in a quiet manner, Chief Atwell had the occasion to meet Governor Schwarzenegger where he shared some very pointed comments, causing a national news story; a moment he remains proud of, on behalf of his tribe. Tribes across the country have come to count on Chief Atwell for his political savvy, keen knowledge and intense wisdom.

Wed to his sweetheart, Jeanette, Clarence and Jeanette's blended family includes sons, Rufus, Aub and Curtis and daughters Cheryl and Kimberly.

Chief Clarence Atwell, Jr., has endured much in his lifetime, and it is at this crossroads that I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the fine deeds of Chief Clarence Atwell, Jr. and wish him and his family well as he embarks upon his retirement.

HONORING EARLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by Earlville Elementary School in Earlville, Iowa by being named a 2009 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School.

The program honors elementary, middle and high schools that are superior academically or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. Students at Earlville Elementary School ranked in the top 10 percent on state tests.

Earlville Elementary School is one of six Iowa Schools receiving the honor this year. This is a true credit to the staff and teachers who continually challenge students to want more and be better.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of Earlville Elementary School and its Principal, JoAnn Swinton. Earning this award shows strength and persistence and I am proud to serve these fine students in Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH BIRTHDAY OF ROWENA ELLISON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundred fifth birthday of Rowena Ellison on September 25, 2009.

Rowena Ellison was born in Minnieville, Virginia at the Windsor Farm on September 25, 1904. Rowena was the fourth of eight children born to Luther Windsor and Minnie Alexander.

She married Roy Ellison from Texas and moved to Alexandria, Virginia in 1936. Together they raised five children, each of whom graduated from George Washington High School. Rowena Windsor has 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Rowena was widowed in 1969. She continues to live in Alexandria with the help of her children.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SALINAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, SUNDAY, SEP- TEMBER 27, 2009

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Salinas Public Libraries in Salinas, California. In 1907, the Salinas Civic Club received \$10,000 from Andrew Carnegie to create a public library. Over the next 2 years they raised another \$4,000, purchased a site and collected books from the Odd Fellows, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Daughters of the American West libraries. On September 5, 1909, the doors opened for the first time to the Carnegie Public Library.

A city-wide financial crisis in 2005 threatened closure of the library. This very real danger was nationally publicized and was featured in the movie *The Hollywood Librarian*. The residents of Salinas passed a measure to fund all library operations for 10 years. Today the Library Commission and Friends of the Salinas Public Library raise thousands of dollars for children's programs, and partner with other community organizations and foundations to ensure that the libraries remain open, giving needed services to the community.

All through this year the library celebrated the rich history of the people of Salinas, gathering and displaying over 5,000 historic photographs, paintings of old Salinas adobes, oral histories of prominent residents, historical papers, and other documents. The anniversary was the catalyst for public programs and exhibits of the memories of the people and places of Salinas. The Centennial voices of children, youth and adults became part of the new collection of voices in the Library.

Madam Speaker, the three branches of the Salinas Library—John Steinbeck, Cesar Chavez and El Gabilan—encourage reading, and provide materials and services to help members of the community meet their personal, informational, educational, and cultural needs. This is the mission statement of the library, and the 42 dedicated employees more than live up to this goal. I know I speak for the whole House in saluting the community of Salinas on this joyous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 733 had I been present, I would have voted "no."

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act.

This critical legislation would extend unemployment benefits by up to 13 weeks in states with high unemployment, such as my home state of California, where the unemployment rate has reached a record 12.2 percent.

In California alone, this bill will provide additional benefits for over 150,000 jobless workers who would otherwise exhaust their unemployment benefits before the end of this year.

These new benefits will help the millions of Californians who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own feed their families, heat their homes and pay their mortgages.

Extending these benefits is also one of the most cost-effective and fast-acting ways to stimulate the economy because the money is spent quickly. According to Moody's Economy.com, every \$1 spent on unemployment benefits generates \$1.63 in new economic demand.

There is no question that this legislation is needed. Yes, our economy is beginning to recover. But millions are still out of work and struggling to stay afloat.

I support this bill because it will provide real money for real workers who need it in California and across the nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on H.R. 3548.

CONGRATULATING SAINT MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 130- YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church on their 130-year anniversary. The church, located in McKinney, Texas, will be hosting anniversary services on October 9, 2009.

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1879 by Reverend Jones and Reverend Dick White, who conducted prayer services in the homes of their members, many of whom were freed American slaves.

Through a commitment to ministry and mission work, the church serves to enrich the community within its own congregation as well as the surrounding Dallas-Forth Worth areas. The church has undergone numerous expansions, helping them grow to provide more resources for their community. Recently they acquired over 2 acres in north Texas to accommodate a growing membership.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church. They have demonstrated a level of commitment to community that is well appreciated, and serves as an example for us all.

MEDICARE PREMIUM FAIRNESS
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3631—Medicare Premium Fairness Act. I commend Congresswoman TITUS for her efforts on this issue and also would like to recognize Chairmen RANGEL, WAXMAN, STARK, DINGELL and PALLONE for their tireless work.

Today Congress acted to ensure that some of our nation's most vulnerable citizens do not face a dramatic increase in their Medicare Part B premiums. During these difficult economic times we must make the right choices to protect our senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. Without this measure that we are acting on today, many of my constituents in the First Congressional district and individuals and families across the country would be faced with an increase in the cost of their health care that they simply can't afford.

I am pleased that there is bipartisan consensus on this legislation and hope to build upon this effort to protect and strengthen Medicare as we move forward with health care reform. Once again I thank my colleagues for their hard work on this issue and urge the bill's passage.

IN HONOR OF LORRAINE MADDEN,
INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE
LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE
DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIRE-
MEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize

Lorraine Madden, the incoming President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (LADVFA).

President Madden has been a life-long member of the Bowers Fire Company Auxiliary. Like many other members of the Auxiliary and Fire Departments, President Madden's father was the Fire Chief, and her mother was President of the Auxiliary. It has been said that being part of these organizations is like being part of a family—in Lorraine Madden's case, this rings particularly true.

Prior to being elected to this new post, President Madden served as President of the Auxiliary at Bowers and was also the President of the Auxiliary to the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Her record of service and leadership is commendable, and I believe her worthy of the honor of holding the presidential office.

The LADVFA serves such an important function in our community, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. I have every confidence that President Madden will provide the LADVFA the leadership it requires and is known for. I wish her the very best in her new role.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 727, 729, & 734, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all.

HONORING RONALD BOEHM ON HIS
INSTALLATION AS COMMANDER
OF AMERICAN LEGION WILLIAM
MCKINLEY POST 231

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Ronald Boehm on the occasion of his installation as Commander of American Legion William McKinley Post 231.

Ronald Boehm has served as Commander of Post 231 eight times and his exemplary service is a model of leadership and devotion. In the summer of 2007, Commander Boehm aided in the construction of a beautiful and moving monument to all war veterans, especially those from Post 231 who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. This monument sits outside the McKinley Post and is visible to all who pass by on 35th Street.

In 2001, as Commander, Ronald Boehm led a fundraising effort for the widows and orphans of policemen and firefighters. The fundraiser was a great success and amassed over \$10,000 for the cause.

Even outside of his work with the American Legion, Ronald Boehm has dedicated his life to the service of others, and recently retired after 40 years as a Chicago firefighter. His outstanding civic service was recognized this year by the McKinley Park Civic Association, which named Ronald Boehm "Man of the Year."

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the years of exceptional service and dedication of Commander Ronald Boehm. We acknowledge his service to our nation and to his community, and we express our gratitude.